

Fresno, CA - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced that approximately \$525,000 has been awarded to the City of Firebaugh from the Department of Housing and Community Development's HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

"These funds play an integral role in creating and maintaining housing activities," Congressman Costa said.

The City of Firebaugh's Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program and First-Time Homebuyer Program are the beneficiaries of the grant. Both programs will receive a portion of the funds; the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program was awarded \$125,000 and the First-Time Homebuyer Program was given \$400,000.

This grant is part of nearly \$95 million being awarded to help meet the affordable housing needs of California families. The HOME Program funds will be implemented to support programs for homeownership, housing construction and housing rehabilitation.

"Affordable housing is becoming difficult to attain for many families and this grant will be key in providing housing options to those families," Costa concluded.